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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Sen ARTHUR VANDENBERG, of Mich, endorsing proposed 12-nation North Atlantic Treaty as most important step in American for'gn policy since Monroe Doctrine: "In my opinion, it is the best bet to keep the present 'cold war' from getting hot." 1-Q

Sen FORREST C DONNELL, of Mo, denouncing North Atlantic Treaty: "I deem it exceedingly unwise that this nation should by treaty enter into any moral or other commitment to go to war. The Constitution provides that Congress should have the power to declare war. No commitment for entry into armed conflict should be made by our Gov't in advance of the circumstances." 2-Q

Moscow radio commentator LITNETSKY: "The authors of the draft went to no little trouble to give it (North Atlantic Treaty) a deceptive, comely form . . . They attempted to present their aggressive child as something almost like a dove of peace." 3-Q

HENRY A WALLACE, head of Progressive party: "The word 'isolation' means short pants for a grown-up U S." 4-Q

PEARL BUCK, world-famed novelist: "Had I the chance to be born again in the flesh, I would at heart choose not to be born white, because any informed, intelligent, and feeling white person cannot be wholly comfortable as an American." 5-Q

HEINRICH HECK, Munich, Germany, Zoo director, who claims he could produce a living "missing link" if he tried: "It would not be a solution to the mess modern man has got himself into. One thing we learn in breeding back to original types is that fighting is a characteristic common to all living things." 6-Q

WM C JORDAN, pres, Curtiss-Wright Corp'n: "In case of war, I would not want to be on the 1st U S bomber to invade Russia, because the Russians have at least 20,000 war planes." 7-Q

Dr C W CRAMPTON, of N Y: "A 60-yr-old man may have a 40-yr-old heart, 50-yr-old kidneys and an 80-yr-old liver and be trying to live a 30-yr-old life." 8-Q

BERNARD M BARUCH, elder statesman: "A form of compulsory health ins for those who cannot pay for voluntary ins can be devised, without involving what has been termed 'socialized medicine.'" 9-Q

Dr THURMAN B RICE, Ind Univ Medical School: "There is usually 1 thing that can be done to improve a bald head—make it an honored one." 10-Q

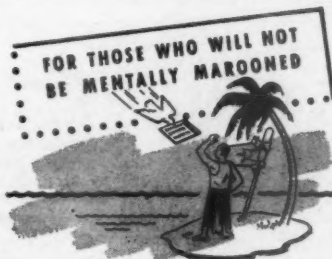
Sen BRIEN McMAHON of Conn, chmn, Joint Congressional Comm on Atomic Energy, on opening of Oak Ridge to gen'l public: "Something is happening here which is contrary to the current of the times. While, everywhere thruout

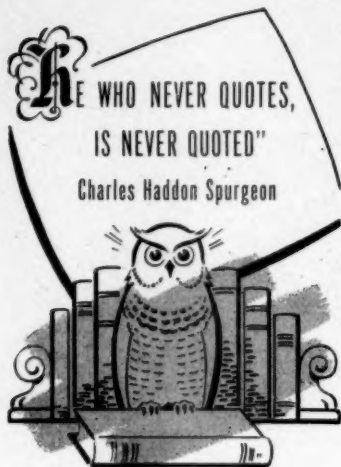
the world, the areas of freedom are contracting, here, in the least likely of places, the boundaries of freedom are expanding." 11-Q

London's *Tailor and Cutter*, passing verdict on ANTHONY EDEN, once Britain's best-dressed for'gn min: "(He is) this yr's big disappointment, to whom we present the high unwelcome order of the dead needle." 12-Q

CIO wkly syndicated col, coining word "Dixiegop" to describe Republican-Southern Democratic coalition in Senate which beat Administration efforts to shut off filibustering: "(The animal has) the front legs and face of a donkey with the trunk and rear end of an elephant." 13-Q

VLADIMIR PETROV, former Soviet slave laborer: "It was much better to be a horse than a human. The horse worked only 8 hrs a day, got medical att'n, and its groom was punished heavily if there was an accident. The human worked 15 hrs a day, got no medical att'n, and nothing happened to his guard if there was an accident." 14-Q





ABBREVIATIONS—1

To prove this is indeed an age of abbreviations in which we find ourselves, this headline appeared over a story recently in the *Cadiz Record*:

"T C H S F F A Defeats Butler F F A"

Translated it reads "Trigg County High School Future Farmers of America Defeats Butler Future Farmers of America."—JOE CREASON, *Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.*

AGE—2

When age comes on, men get sadder and wiser, but women get sadder and wider.—ZULA BENNINGTON GREENE, *Capper's Wkly.*

AMERICA—3

The American economic story, despite defects and drawbacks and dreams turned nightmares, is such a good and strong and persuasive story that it needs no attempt to conceal or gloss over blemishes and imperfections. It can stand on its own with its virtues and deficiencies fully displayed. Like Cromwell's face, the U S economy is best portrayed "warts and all."—HERBERT HARRIS, "Telling the American Story," *UN World*, 3-49.

ART—Appreciation—4

Exclamation, by a very sincere and pretty girl, overheard at the Art Center, at an exhibit of prize paintings:

"But some of these pictures look just as terrible from far away as they do close up!"—HARLAN MILLER, *Des Moines Register*.

ATOMIC ENERGY—Personnel—5

About 65,000 people are engaged in the nation's atomic energy enterprise. Of these approx 5,000 are employed by the Atomic Energy Commission, but only about 800 of the 5,000 work in Washington.—*Atlantic Monthly*.

BEHAVIOR—6

I remember being amused yrs ago by hearing an anxious matron say about a girl who was getting into loose company: "If I'm not mistaken, that girl's got a past in front of her." — W E SANGSTER, "Take God's Counsel—or Take the Consequences," *Christian Advocate*, 3-10-49.

Sometimes you can tell by watching a person what kind of a past he is going to have.—*Banking*.

BOOKS—7

Despite inroads of radio, motion pictures and television, Americans still read an estimated 400 million books a yr—probably more than any other people on earth.—*INS*.

CHARACTER—8

It's the daily grind that gives a man polish.—*Nat'l Safety News*.

Pres Truman said of Jesse James:*

He actually was not a bad man at heart. I have studied his life carefully, and I come from his part of the country. James was a modern-day Robin Hood. He stole from the rich and gave to the poor, which, in gen'l, is not a bad policy. I am convinced that James would have been an asset

to his community, if he had not been diverted into the lawless life.—*Miami Herald*.

CHILDREN—and God—9

A small boy told his parents recently that he had decided he didn't like God. When asked why, he explained that for some mo's now he had been going to God's house every wk, and he had never even seen God. All he had seen was Mr Horton. If God wasn't polite enough to be in His house, he didn't like Him.—LAWRENCE M HORTON, "God Can Change Your Life," *Presbyterian Life*, 2-5-49.

CIVIL RIGHTS—10

Three colored gentlemen in Ala were discussing the President's Civil Rights program. The conversation drifted into what they would do if the legislation were enacted.

"On the day that legislation passes," said the 1st, "I'm gonna buy me a brand new suit, a new hat and new shoes, and I'm goin' downtown to the best theater, buy me a ticket, and sit right down with the white folks."

"Yes suh," said the 2nd, "and I'm gonna deck myself in a brand new tuxedo and top hat and go right into the best hotel in Birmingham."

The 3rd didn't say anything, and finally was asked what he was going to do.

"Well," repl'd Sam thoughtfully, "I think I'll go out to the corner store and buy me a half-doz cheap cigars and come back and sit on my porch and smoke 'em. Then along about 10 o'clock I'll stroll down to the morgue and take a look at the two best-dressed corpses in Birmingham."—*Speakers Magazine*.

DISCOURAGEMENT—11

Let discouragement harden your determination—never your heart.—*Threads*, hm, Geometric Tool Co.

DRINK—Drinking—12

The total consumption of alcoholic beverages has increased from

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10.25 gal's per person in '34 (the yr of repeal) to 20.588 gal's per person in '47, according to the American Business Men's Research Foundation.—*Survey Bulletin*.

EASTER—Cross—13

The inscription Pilate ordered placed over Jesus on the cross was written in 3 languages—in Greek, the language of literature and culture; in Latin, the language of law and power; in Hebrew, the language of religion. Thus in the chief tongues of men was proclaimed, in jest, what became a living truth—that Jesus is King of kings, and Lord of lords.—PAUL E HOLDCRAFT, *Cyclopedia of Bible Illustrations*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

The Cross

*Our Saviour's cross, begilt with
guiltless blood,
Was framed (as some write)
of four kinds of wood,
Palm, cedar, cypress, olive;
which might show
That blessings thence to the
four parts should flow
Of the vast world, and from
the four winds should
Christ's flock be fetched to his
thrice-blessed fold.*

—THOS BANCROFT, in *The Story of Jesus in the World's Literature*, edited by EDW WAGENKNECHT. (Creative Age) 14

EASTER—Resurrection—15

During the lifetime of the late Pres Calvin Coolidge a campaign was begun to discredit Geo Washington and rob him of the renown and affection he had won as the Father of his Country.

A friend asked Mr Coolidge, "What is your opinion of the 'Discredit Washington' movement?"

Silent Cal lifted his eyes to look for a moment at the Washington Monument towering 555 ft into the air. Then, with his usual candor and straightforwardness, he repl'd simply: "I see the Monument is still there."

When so-called doubters scoff at the Resurrection story with all of its wonderful implications, Faith is able to point them to a spot in the land of Faith's beginning and say, "I see the empty tomb is still there."—J R BOWMAN, *Pulpit Digest*.

EDUCATION—16

Education—the sculpture of culture. — P K THOMAJAN, *Phoenix Flame*, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Co.

EUROPE—Future—17

The question no longer is whether France or other Marshall plan beneficiaries will have enough to live on by the end of ERP,* but whether they will have something to live for.—VERA MICHELES DEAN, "Internal Tensions Hamper Full French Revival," *For'n Policy Bulletin*, 3-11-'49.

GOD—and Man—18

God expects from men that their Easter devotions would in some measure come up to their Easter dress.—ROB'T SMITH, *Ind Teacher*.

GOVT—Publications—19

Sen Styles Bridges, of N H, asked every Fed'l agency to send him 1 copy of each of its publications. Last wk he revealed the number he had rec'd: 83,000! Included were a booklet on "Habits, Food, and Economic Status of the Band-Tailed Pigeon," recipes for cooking muskrats, and instructions on the sex of watermelons.—*Newsweek*.

HUMAN NATURE—Desires—20

A sociologist, Wm I Thomas, says the normal adult has 4 fundamental motives: desire for security, for response, for recognition, and for new experience.—*Wright Line*, hm, Wright & Co.

INDUSTRY—21

The Dept' of Commerce predicts that the forthcoming census will show an increase of the number of mfr'g establishments from 185,000 in '39 to more than 250,000 in '47—an increase of 35%.—*Advertiser's Digest*.

KINDNESS—22

One day in mid-winter, a friend came to visit the great scientist, Steinmetz,* in his laboratory. There was no fire in the stove and zero weather was making itself felt unpleasantly. Steinmetz was bundled up in many coats, working at his desk with stiff fingers.

"What's the matter?" asked the friend. "If you're taking a fresh-air cure, you'd better leave the windows open."

Steinmetz looked up from his work a trifle sheepishly. He pointed over his shoulder to the stove

which was filled with a litter of paper from the wastebasket.

"A mouse has just had some children in there," he said. "I can't take them out until they grow up a little."—JONATHAN NORTON LEONARD, *Loki, the Life of Charles Proteus Steinmetz*.



April 1-8—Nat'l Laugh Wk
1-8—Nat'l Leave Us Alone Wk
2-9—Nat'l Baseball Wk
3-9—Nat'l Peanut Wk
3-10—Nat'l Negro Health Wk
1-30—Cancer Control Mo

April 3
1783—b Washington Irving, American man of letters
1822—b Edw Everett Hale, American author
1837—b John Burroughs, American poet, writer on natural history
1861—b Reginald de Koven, American composer
1862—d Jesse James, American outlaw
1897—d Johannes Brahms, German composer
1946—*Truman signed ERP bill

April 4
1774—d Oliver Goldsmith, English playwright, novelist
1841—d Wm Henry Harrison, 9th Pres of U S
1883—d Peter Cooper, American mfr, inventor, philanthropist

April 5
1827—b Jos L Lister, English surgeon, founder of antiseptic surgery
1837—b Algernon Chas Swinburne, English poet, critic
1856—b Booker T Washington, American negro teacher, reformer

April 6
1483—b Sanzio Raphael, Italian painter, died same day, 1520
1528—d Albrecht Duerer, German painter, engraver
1909—Peary renched N Pole
1917—War declared on Germany
1935—d Edwin Arlington Robinson, American poet
1949—*Army Day

April 7
1770—b Wm Wordsworth, English poet
1780—b Wm Ellery Channing, American divine, philanthropist
1891—d Phineas T Barnum, American showman
1907—b Joshua Loth Liebman, American rabbi, author
1947—d Henry Ford, Sr, automobile pioneer, originator of mass production method

April 8
1513—Ponce de Leon landed at St Augustine, Fla, in search of Fountain of Youth

April 9
1626—d Francis Bacon, English philosopher, statesman, essayist
1865—b Chas P Steinmetz, American electrical engineer
1865—*End of Civil War, Lee surrendered at Appomattox
1870—b Vladimir I U Lenin, founder of Soviet Republics
1882—Dante G Rossetti, English poet, painter
1898—b Paul Robeson, American negro actor, singer
*Relevant mat'l in this issue. See items thus marked



AUTOMOBILES—Protection: In case it's stolen, your car will turn into a bleating lost sheep thru newly patented device. Not in operation during normal use, invention is controlled by pendulum-actuated switch, which closes alarm circuit and causes horn to trumpet the car's theft. (*Labor Union*)

CONSTRUCTION: St paving of asphalt, containing small am'ts of powdered rubber, are to be tested in several states this yr. European experiments have shown this mixture has several advantages, one of them being longer life. (*Grit*)

FLOOR COVERING: New fluid linoleum comes in colors and goes on all types of floor with an ordinary paint brush. Economical (only 1 coat is needed), it is long-lasting, resistant to wear, to water, acids, alkalis; dries in 3 or 4 hrs and leaves a surface smooth as tile. (*Esquire*)

MEDICINE — Surgery: Surgical knife, invented by English hospital technician, puts back into veins blood lost by patient during operation. New knife has grooved blade with thin tube running thru its hollow handle. As incision is made, small electric pump draws away flowing blood, passes it thru purifier and pumps it back into vein thru needle such as those used for giving transfusions of blood or plasma. (*A P*)

TRAVEL AIDS: Newest idea in luggage is handle that detaches to become effective travel iron. Works on AC or DC current, has automatic heat control; cord is attached so complete unit is always available. In place, iron looks like usual handle and whole suitcase weighs same as average one without iron. (*Parade*)

LOVE—Marriage—23

There's an old story about a man who married a woman as a business proposition but he did everything a loving husband should do and found, to his surprise, that he'd fallen in love with his wife.—*MARCELENE COX, Ladies' Home Jnl.*

MIND—24

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above it.—*WASHINGTON IRVING.*

MUSIC—25

Paul Robeson,* American negro baritone, changed the final line of *Old Man River* during a recent performance in London. He boomed out: "I'll keep on fighting until I'm dying and Old Man River, he just keeps rolling along."

As originally written, the last line is: "I'm tired of living and scared of dying, but Old Man River, he just keeps rolling along."—*U P.*

ORIGIN: Military Salute—26

With the approach of Army Day,* April 6th, the origin of the military salute is an interesting story: A messenger was detailed to deliver an important communication to Hannibal, the famous Carthaginian gen. The messenger, dismounting before the great leader, was about to launch into his words of greeting, when suddenly a large fly landed on his nose. Unable to brush it away casually because of the seriousness and formality of the occasion, he suddenly had an inspiration.

Raising his hand to his forehead he quickly snapped it toward the fly in order to shoo it away. As the messenger had anticipated, Hannibal interpreted the movement as some kind of greeting and repl'd in kind. The soldiers, noticing their leader's gesture, repeated it. Hannibal was so pleased with this spontaneous response that he decided to retain the gesture in his army and it soon spread thruout the world.—*JOHN KISELA, Pageant.*

PEACE—27

Trying to explain the reason for worldwide disagreement, an Indian said, "When nations smokem pipe of peace, no one inhale."—*Locomotive.*

PERSISTENCE—28

In looking over Cy Young's pitching record, Henry Himmill noted that the great baseball* star won 511 of 906 games, a record that has never been equalled.

Young won just a few more than half his games. To be an outstanding success in any endeavor it isn't necessary to be right all the time. If you're right more than half the time you may win a medal or make a million dollars. The idea is to keep pitching.—*WM FEATHER, Enos Magazine, hm, Enos Coal Co.*

PLAGIARISM—29

"Your new symphony is very good," remarked one Viennese musician to Brahms,* "but it continually reminds me of some other music."

"What other music?" Brahms inquired. "Your next symphony?"—*DAVID EWEN, Listen to the Mocking Words. (Arco)*

Calvary

*Friendless and faint, with martyred steps and slow,
Faint for the flesh, but for the spirit free,
Stung by the mob that came to see the show,
The Master toiled along to Calvary;
We gibed him, as he went, with houndish glee,
Till his dim eyes for us did overflow;
We cursed his vengeless hands thrice wretchedly,—
And this was nineteen hundred yrs ago.
But after nineteen hundred yrs the shame
Still clings, and we have not made good the loss
That outraged faith has entered in his name.
Ah, when shall come love's courage to be strong!
Tell me, O Lord—tell me, O Lord, how long
Are we to keep Christ writhing on the cross!
—EDWIN ARLINGTON ROBINSON,*
The Children of the Night.
(Scribner) 30*

POSTERITY—31

Yrs ago, I resolved that because I had no ancestors myself I would leave a record of which my children would be proud, and which

might encourage them to still higher efforts.—BOOKER T WASHINGTON.*

PSYCHIATRY—32

A long expensive course with a psychiatrist is the professional way. But if it's just a matter of shedding a few inhibitions, an office cocktail party will do it. — Sen SOAPER, syndicated col.

PURPOSE—33

When Gen Rob't E Lee surrendered to Gen Ulysses S Grant at Appomattox,* 2 ladies present were commenting upon the splendid uniforms worn by the Northern soldiers in contrast to the tattered and torn clothing worn by the bare-footed Southern soldiers when a Southern gentleman politely interrupted them. "You see, madam, it's this way. When our men go hunting for skunk, they really dress for the occasion." —Jas J RUDISILL, pres, Rudisill & Co, Lancaster, Pa.

RADIO—Commercials—34

Singing commercials can start people humming—or ho-humming. —HOWARD W NEWTON, "Things You'll Soon Forget," *Adv & Selling*, 2-'49.

RUSSIA—Books—35

For every book of literary or artistic interest published in the Soviet Union, there are about 3 dealing with sociology and politics, 4 of technical nature. Of the 11 billion books that have come from Soviet presses since the Revolution, over 500 million copies were by Stalin, and 160 million by Lenin.* In all, some 720 million are what the Soviet Chamber of Books classifies as the classics of Marxism-Leninism.—U S News & World Report.

SLANDER—36

The person who throws mud isn't standing on firm ground.—Grit.

SUCCESS—37

The Lord gave you 2 ends—1 for sitting and 1 for thinking.

Your success depends on which you use—heads you win, tails you lose.—Gas Flame, hm, Citizens Gas & Coke Utility.

THOUGHTFULNESS—38

A Dutch immigrant, an expert interior decorator, encountered exceptional difficulties on a certain

job. He spent long hrs outside working time devising a solution. When everything had been satisfactorily figured out, he was seen putting some figures on the plaster before applying the wallpaper. Asked why, he repl'd: "I always note the exact measurements of the room for the benefit of the fellow who decorates the room next time. It's something I would like to have done for me, and I like to think it will give him a pleasant surprise."—Christian Science Monitor.

The Game Preserve

Since man is an animal savage from birth,

We'll never improve our condition

Until we have posted a warning on Earth:

"No Huntin', No Shootin', No Fission!"

—NORMAN JAFFRAY, N Y Times. 39

TRUTH—40

There is no strength in exaggeration; even the truth is weakened by being expressed too strongly.—OLIVER GOLDSMITH,* 18th century writer.

VETERANS—41

More than \$600 million has been spent for construction of new hospitals and institutes for veterans and others since the end of the war.—MELVIN H BAKER, chmn, Construction Industry Information Comm, *Architect & Engineer*.

VOCATION—42

A job may make you fat

A job may make you thinner.

The thing that counts is what it does

To make you saint or sinner.

—Integrity.

WEALTH—Distribution—43

Ancient Persia had a quick method of dealing with the inequalities of property-holding among its people. In the yr 996 that country was visited by a devastating famine, in which thousands died from hunger, while the possessions of the rich were far in excess of their needs. The ruler, Agud, proclaimed that for every poor man who died (of starvation) a rich person must be executed. Thereafter no one starved.—Origin unknown.



"For a nobler future . . ."

JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN,* noted rabbi and author (born 42 yrs ago April 7th), believed that only religion and psychiatry combined can help man understand himself. In his own words: "Wherever religion and psychiatry can work together to take a broken, disunited, disordered personality and bring unity into it, there an act of religion is being performed."

The following excerpt is from his preface to *Psychiatry and Religion* (Beacon Press), written shortly before his death, 6-9-'48.

Religion will be making an enormous contribution to genuine brotherhood when it comes to emphasize the truth, that there are no sectarian labels to our fears and aspirations, no essential difference between the basic anxieties, phobias, hopes, and hungers of a Christian, a Buddhist, a Jew . . .

Religion, equipped with the new tools of psychological science, can help people everywhere to understand themselves, to master their undesirable traits and to fashion characters of strength and integrity. It can teach our age that if people hate themselves, suffer from an overburdened conscience, feel rejected and defeated, they will build a society of hate and of war.

Maturity is achieved when a person accepts life as full of tension; when he does not torment himself with childish guilt feelings, but avoids tragic adult sins; when he postpones immediate pleasures for the sake of long-term values . . . Our generation must be inspired to search for that maturity which will manifest itself in the qualities of tenacity, dependability, co-operativeness and the inner drive to work and sacrifice for a nobler future of mankind.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

Little Jimmy's father found him in the barn. He was shaking his pet rabbit and saying: "Five and 5. How much is 5 and 5?"

The surprised father finally interrupted the proceedings. "What's the meaning of all this, Jimmy?"

"Oh," said Jimmy, "teacher told us that rabbits multiply rapidly, but this fellow can't even add."—*Wesley News.* **a**

When to our guests a tale I'd tell
Which I have spun till hoary,
My wife, who reads my mind
quite well,
Won't say, "They've heard
that story."
Her southern charms she brings
to muster
And stops me with a filibuster.
—J B HANSEN, *Wall St Jnl.* **b**

On their 50th wedding anniv Mr and Mrs Henry Ford* attended a celebration given in their honor. During the interview a newspaperman asked the auto magnate: "To what do you attribute your successful marriage?"

"The formula is the same as the one used to make a successful car," ans'd Ford. "Stick to one model."—*Milwaukee Jnl.* **c**

A very small schoolgirl, who was given a fountain-pen on her birthday, came running with ink-stained fingers to her mother. "Mummy," she cried, "my pen's nose is bleeding."—*SANDY TODD, Wkly Scotsman.* (Edinburgh) **d**

A conference is a discussion whose object is to defer a decision. — Horizons, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

A certain movie producer's wife hadn't grown along with him. A very nice lady, she had stayed home and had babies, while he became rich and renowned. Consequently, he was hesitant about taking her out to meet his new society friends. She nagged him about it and he finally agreed to take her to a swank dinner party, with the promise that she wouldn't say anything—just keep her mouth

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Mrs DOROTHY WALDO PHILLIPS
Author and lecturer on youth
guidance and adult education

Several yrs and some 50 lbs later, I ret'd to lecture at a woman's club of which I had once been a mbr.

The program chmn, when it came time to introduce me, said in a whisper, "I'll tell them a story while you get your breath." She proceeded to say cheerily what a lovely day it was and weren't we all glad to be there, and then launched into her little story.

She had come across a magazine cartoon a day or so before which had struck her fancy. The cartoon—which showed a mama and a baby hippo deep in conversation—was captioned: "I don't mind being a hippopotamus, mama, but do I have to look like one?"

With a stately flourish in my direction, she turned to me and said, "And now may I present our speaker for today, Mrs Dorothy Waldo Phillips."

shut and not embarrass him. "Keep quiet," he counseled her, "and they will never know how stupid you are!"

Thruout the dinner all she said was yes or no. After dinner, the hostess said: "Let's all go to the library."

She stared a moment, then said: "The library is open so late?"—*WALTER WINCHELL, King Features Syndicate.* **e**

"Down with war!" shouted the orator at a Communist meeting in Pisa, Italy, recently. As he reached the climax of his speech, he cried, "Death to the Atlantic pact! Look what great, motherly, benevolent Russia is doing! Long live peace!"

At this moment he gestured toward attendants who were sup-

posed to release peace doves to flutter overhead. Instead, 500 women fled in panic as a field rat ran along the balcony rail and plunged into the orchestra.—*U P.I.* **f**

An important anniv has gone unobserved. The 4th of March marked the end of 16 successful yrs of Republic innocent bystanding.—*HOWARD BRUBAKER, New Yorker.* **g**

The talkative lady was telling her husband about the bad manners of an acquaintance who had recently paid her a visit. "If that woman yawned once while I was talking to her," she said, "she yawned 11 times."

"Perhaps she wasn't yawning, dear," the husband said, "maybe she wanted to say something."—*Rocky Mountain Empire Mag.* **h**

Kiss: A contraction of the mouth due to enlargement of the heart.—*Plainsman.* **i**

To the construction hdqrs of a British ry project in the Sudan came a telegram from a section gang announcing the death of their English foreman. It had been dispatched by the native ass't foreman, who asked for instructions.

Hdqrs wired back: "Bury him. But 1st make sure he is dead."

The next day they rec'd this report: "Buried boss. Made very sure he was dead. Hit him on head with large shovel."—*Winnipeg Tribune.* **j**

The chief service rendered by the badger to man is the provision of shaving-brushes, and it seems strange that 1 omnivore should be destined to yield up his fur in order to remove the fur from another. —*Punch.* (London) **k**

Gen Rob't E Lee* once discovered an army surgeon standing in front of a mirror, admiring his

reflection with great satisfaction.

"Doctor," said Lee, "you must be the happiest man in the world."

The surgeon was startled and asked: "Why do you think so?"

"Because, sir," ans'd Lee quietly, "you are in love with yourself and you don't have any rivals in the whole world." i

" "

A woman, having an upstairs room painted, thought the painter was making slow progress.

Listening at the foot of the stairs, she couldn't hear a sound.

"Painter," she shouted, "are you working?"

"Yes, ma'am," came the reply.

"I can't hear you."

"I'm not putting it on with a hammer!"—*Dundee Evening Telegraph*. (Scotland) j

" "

If ever a new statue of Liberty is designed, it will be holding the bag instead of the torch.—Iden Items.

" "

A man returning home in the small hrs of the night found a burglar jimmying the lock on his front door. Thinking quickly, the man whispered to the prowler, "I'll open the door if you'll go in first."—*Balance Sheet*. k

Sonnet

On

Behavior

Childrens' time was once well spent

In emulating presidents.

Prattled tots, in days gone by,
"Pop, I cannot tell a lie!"

History lessons still abound
In Lincoln's phrases, deep and sound.

The little things our leaders say
Live on when they have passed away.

Of little things, the smallest yet
Is calling names by alphabet.

Will kids in 1993

Be calling others "S-O-B?"

—Planer Talk, hm, Lumber & Bldg Mat'l Dealers of W Pa. l

A new Mbr of Parliament flung down several typewritten sheets before his sec'y.

"Don't use such long words in my speeches," he said. "I want to know what I'm talking about."—*Tit-Bits*. (London) m

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Scientists claim the day isn't far off when we will wear paper clothes, walk on paper rugs, sleep under paper sheets, and live in paper houses. When this comes to pass, the phrase "I see by the papers" should take on new meaning.—*Phoenix Flame, hm, Phoenix Metal Cap Company*.

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When Benj Franklin* first became ambassador to France he was not too conversant with the French language. While attending a literary meeting he applauded each time he saw a lady of his acquaintance look in his direction.

As the meeting came to a conclusion, a little child who understood French said to him, "But, grandpa, you always applauded the loudest when they were praising you."—*Circle News, hm, B F Goodrich, Inc.* n

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Many married college students claim that they exist by the sweat of their fraus.—Dr HENRY E KOLBE, DePauw Univ.

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On a radio program emanating from somewhere in the Midwest a clergyman was asked which he preferred, officiating at a wedding or a funeral. After a moment's thoughtful pause, he repl'd, "Funeral. Then I know their troubles are over."—JOHN SELDEN, *True*. o

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A waggish report from London recounts that as a result of a reduction in the am't of bacon which the citizen may purchase, many protests have been rec'd by the "Bacon Society." This has caused the Society, devoted to proving that the plays of Shakespeare were written by Francis Bacon,* to add "Francis" as part of their official name.—*Portland Oregonian*. p



Man down in Ga has come up with what seems a magnificently healthy idea. He calls it, "Leave Us Alone Wk."* . . .

The modern American roughly emulates the nervousness of a young dog being trained by 6 people, all with strongly rooted and widely diverging convictions on how to train a dog. He is hammered at from chill dawn to midnight. He is pushed, shoved, commanded, lectured, reprimanded, nagged, inspired, reproved, spanked, pleaded with, talked down to.

The pundits of press and radio instruct him on his politics, his habits, the state of the nation and the state of the world. He is given a brisk blueprint for fatherhood, matrimony, health, wealth, and relaxation. They expert him blind—they tell him about sex, child-rearing, investment, and pink toothbrush of the soul . . .

I love the idea of "Leave Us Alone Wk." Not everybody can afford a slow boat to China, but the man down in Ga has a workable, inexpensive approximation of it.—ROB'T C RUARK, *Chicago Daily News*.

The 12th Congressional District held a big political rally, preceded by a siege of postcards entreating the voters to attend. The postcards were distributed thruout the entire district, but were sent for actual distribution to the precinct capt's so that these worthies might append their signatures and thereby personalize the entreaty.

That is how it happened that one of the precinct capt's, a woman, found herself signing her name after the following complimentary closing: "Yours for a night, long to be remembered."

Don't forget the comma.—MARCIA WINN, *Chicago Tribune*. q

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The Chinese Farmer—CHANG FU-LIANG, Gen'l Sec'y of Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, *China Daily Tribune*. (Shanghai)

The Chinese farmer is industrious in work and thrifty in habit. His patience is proverbial, amounting to a virtue as well as a vice. The average am't of land he cultivates is not more than 5 acres...

During the yrs of war and internal strife the farmer has been given a lion's share in the making of contributions and sacrifices to the gov't. His taxes have been heavy and varied...

He is indifferent to the gov't. He has only respect and fear for gov't officials. The less one has to do with the gov't, the luckier one feels. The attitude of the rural populace toward officialdom is like what Confucius taught his disciples to observe concerning spirits, namely, to respect them but to keep away from them!

The Chinese farmer is a silent man, patient and inarticulate. But his mind ponders upon many issues that seem to him conflicting and puzzling. During the war he was asked to fight for his country and to feed his countrymen. Altho he dislikes soldiery yet he endured it for the sake of his ancestors as well as his children...

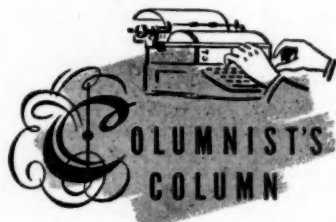
He has been told by the gov't agent the reasons for fighting the Communists, but he does not understand... He knows little of Communist "liberation" and cares even less than his brother on the gov't side for "democracy"...

The farmer works hard. His grain brings to him more paper money than ever, yet so much money in notes buys so little! He seems to be always in debt. The harder he works, the more frustrated and hopeless he feels. He often wonders what future there

is for him and his family...

After 8 long yrs of bitter resistance and 1½ yrs of peace, an industrial boom is long overdue, which should utilize all agricultural raw mat'ls. But instead of the boom, civil war, inflation, high taxes, and the dumping of cheap for'gn goods have caused an industrial depression that greatly affects rural prosperity.

Only industrial prosperity that demands raw mat'ls from the country and that provides surplus manpower with gainful occupation will enrich the rural people. The farmer does not understand economic principles, but he does ask why he is so poor.



Science, the 20th Century Magician—ALTON L. BLAKESLEE, Science Reporter, A P.

Science has failed to deliver so far on many things the public expects... Science, the 20th Century magician, has pulled off many miracles, and talked of many others. To some, it seems that science has broken its promises. But science never promises anything. It seeks facts and methods...

Scientists pulled rain and snow from clouds by seeding them with dry ice and other pellets. They took a 1st step toward controlling weather and said so... Bad earthquakes bring demands that science do some crystal-ball predicting about them. Scientists can point to regions which are more

At a farewell banquet in his honor, a for'gn missionary in China referred often to the hostess who had been kind to him, using a word which brought smiles to the faces of his listeners, and embarrassment to the hostess. Finally, he discovered he had been calling the hostess a "pig" all evening, merely by a slip in the intonation, which, however imperceptible to a for'gn, is conspicuously marked to the Chinese.—Miss KING-CHAU, Chinese Min to Cuba, *China News-week*.

A firm adv'g for a male stenographer rec'd this reply from a Chinese applicant:

"Sir, I am Chinese Bung Ho, but can drive a typewriter with good noise, and my English is it. My last job left itself from me for simple reason that big man was dead. It was on acct of not my fault. So, honorable Sirs, what of it? If I can be of big use to you I will arrive on same date as you can guess."—Coronet.

likely to get quakes from the constant readjustments of the earth's crust. But they can give no guarantees and are a long way from pin-pointing localities and hrs...

When the 1st atom bomb exploded many people thought the day of atomic energy was just around the corner. Energy would be so cheap everyone could have everything he wanted, for maybe an hr's work a day. Science still has hopes of getting atoms to do much of a nation's work, but there is no definite delivery date...

On clothes we've come a long way. But not everything can be made lint-free or wrinkle resistant. Dust, the housewife's bane, can be banished by electrical precipitators. But can you afford one?...

A Russian scientist said he thought people should have a normal life span of a 150 yrs. That wasn't a promise, either. Our length of life is rising steadily. Americans now live 20 yrs longer on the average than they did in 1900. Practical men think it will be raised to 100 yrs or more. But not overnight, by a magic pill, so far as we can see now.

